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### **Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #5**

Good Morning!

At this time, there are no positive cases of COVID-19 at either Saint Mary's East or Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge. We want to let you know that earlier this week a resident at Saint Mary's East was tested for the virus but we are relieved to say that on April 16<sup>th</sup> the test results came back negative. We took quick action to place the individual in an isolated COVID-19 area as a precaution and to follow our Emergent Infectious Disease Outbreak Plan. We are proud of the way staff responded and we are using what we learned from this situation to improve certain aspects of our response for the future.

In addition to our focus on keeping everyone healthy and preventing the spread of the virus, we are working to prevent the spread of misinformation. We know there are still many questions circulating and we strive to provide you with open and honest answers. Attached you will find a "Questions & Answers" document that provides insight into some frequently asked questions. As always, please contact us if you have a question – we are here to help!

There are also many resources available that address common questions and rumors surrounding COVID-19. A few of them include:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – FAQ Page
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>
- PA Department of Health – Fact Sheets
  - <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Fact-Sheets.aspx>
- Federal Emergency Management Agency – Rumor Control
  - <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/rumor-control>
- US Government – FAQ Page
  - <https://faq.coronavirus.gov/>

We are so grateful for the many positive messages of support we received from all of you. It means the world to our staff to know how much their efforts are appreciated day in and day out.

Gratefully!